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DEPT PASS CINCEUR AND SECDEF

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU, IR, US

SUBJECT: KUWAIT REQUEST FOR AIR COVER

REF: (A) STATE 66152; (B) STATE 68074; (C) KUWAIT 1184

1. DURING MEETING WITH MFA POLITICAL UNDER SECRETARY FARTASH APRIL 12 AMBASSADOR CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF PARAS 2 AND 3 OF REF A, AS INSTRUCTED IN REF B. AMBASSADOR SAID WE WISHED TO SHARE WITH GOI OUESTHINKING ON ADVICE WE PLANNED TO GIVE KUWAIT ON HOW TO ESTABLISH AIR COVER IN BOTH SHORT AND LONG RUN. AMBASSADOR ALSO MENTIONED THAT KUWAIT' S PROBLEMS WITH IRAQ APPEARED TO BE GOOD EXAMPLE OF NEED FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION ON SECURITY ARRANGMENTS IN WHICH GOI COULD PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE.

2. IN REPLY FARTASH SAID GOI WOULD ON URGENT BASIS CONSIDER PROPOSALS USG HAD IN MIND FOR KUWAIT ON AIR COVER AND GET BACK TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT EVER SINCE INCIDENT BETWEEN KUWAIT AND IRAQ KUWAITI AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH IRAN AND WAS BRIEFING MFA ON NEARLY DAILY BASIS.

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GOI HAD INFORMED GOK THROUGH KUWAITI AMBASSADOR HERE
THAT KUWAIT HAD IRAN'S MORAL SUPPORT IN ITS DIFFICUL-
TIES WITH IRAQ. FARTASH ALSO NOTED THAT IN THESE CON-
TINUING EXCHANGES WITH KUWAIT LATTER HAS NOT RPT NOT
ASKED IRAN FOR ANY HELP, MILITARY OR OTHERWISE.
HELMS

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